of Rs. 1745.00 crores was sanctioned and disbursed during this period from National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR)/National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), besides releasing an amount of Rs. 758.91 crores as Centre's share under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The amount collected as 'Surcharge' for Gujarat earthquake, Kargil war expenditure and NCCF for financial years 2000-01 and 2001-02 were Rs. 2187.82 crore and Rs. 556.89 crore respectively. An amount of Rs. 1467.37 crore was disbursed to the State Government out of NCCF during 2000-01 & 2001-02 on account of earthquake relief.

Corpus for Physically Challenged

1356. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has ordered the creation of Rs. 723 crore corpus fund for the welfare of 100 million physically challenged persons in the country from the excess realized by government by way of rounding off tax and interest by big banks and other financial institutions;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered this order of Supreme Court;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard; and

(d) by when this amount will be utilized for the benefit of disabled people in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Government has decided to implement the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court. However, a clarificatory petition is being contemplated to relieve the Comptroller & Auditor General of the functions of the Chairman of the proposed Trust as suggested by Hon'ble Supreme Court for the benefit of physically handicapped. The implementation of the judgement will be done after obtaining necessary clarifications from Hon'ble Supreme Court.